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Colonial Craftsmen of Pennsylvania

R EPRODUCTIONS from Pennsylvania Newspapers of the Colonial Period of our Cabinetmakers and Craftsmen are continued in this number as installment number four.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS' advertisements contain data of interest, showing the use of cherry, walnut and mahogany in 1767. The "chests of drawers, cradles and coffins" in his notice of 1769, as well as the use of black walnut, is of interest. In 1770 "Windsor chair plank" is shown.

ROBERT PARRISH shows, in 1775, that the tool-makers' craft was naturally associated with the cabinetmakers.

GEORGE RICHEY, from Scotland, shows that "French chairs" were in use.

PLUNKET FLEESON appears once more with "American Paper Hangings" in 1769, as well as advertising that he makes and prepares "military instruments," in 1775.

WILLIAM MARTIN, from 1770-75, shows the close connection between this country and England. His "deception beds" were probably the prototype of our present day folding beds.

CHRISTOPHER MENG advertises for sale, "walnut presses for clothes and chests of drawers." It would be of interest to know where the design of our Chippendale chests of drawers of the Philadelphia style originated.

ALFRED C. PRIME.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS,

JOINER,

In Fourth Street, the corner of Petty's Alley, near the sign of the Indian Queen, and opposite the office of Charles Brockden, Esq;

CONTINUES to sell Joiner's stuff as usual; such as season'd walnut boards, two and three-inch walnut plank, mahogany ditto, suitable for chair-making or gun stocks, three-inch walnut scantling, mahogany and walnut tea table columns, half-inch poplar for chair pannels, 2 foot 9 wide rule joint stuff, cherry tree boards, high and low post bedstead stuff.

Also Joiner's work, such as chests of drawers, desks, dining tables, tea tables, walnut chairs, bedsteads andacking bottoms, chamber tables, cradles, coffins, and hatters bows, with a variety of other Joinery work.

PENNA. CHRONICLE

5/4/1767

W A N T E D,

About eight or ten Thousand Feet of good merchantable BLACK WALNUT PLANK, and INCHBOARDS. Any Person or Persons having such a Parcel to dispose of, may apply to SAMUEL WILLIAMS, Joiner, in Fourth-Street, near Market-Street, in Philadelphia.

PENNA. CHRONICLE

3/14/1768

TO BE SOLD, BY

Samuel Williams, Joiner,

At the joiners board-yard in Fourth-Street, near Market-Street, and near the sign of the Indian Queen,

A VERY large parcel of black walnut plank and boards, suitable for all kind of joiners use; also a great quantity of half inch poplar boards, rule joint stuff, cherry tree and gum boards, a very great quantity of walnut and mahogany coffin boards, two hundred sets of low and high post bedstead stuff, fit for immediate use. As I presume I have the largest and best quantity of joiners stuff in the place, all joiners and others in town and country, who please to favour me with their custom, may suit themselves to advantage.

Likewise, all sorts of joiners work, chests of drawers, desks, tables, chairs, bedsteads, sackens, cradles and coffins, &c.

STOLEN from the Subscriber's house, on the fourth instant, a silver cream pot, with feet, maker's name S. R. four silver tea spoons, the maker's name D. H. marked A. W. one large table spoon, W.

marked S. A. one pair of tea tongs. Whoever discovers the above silver, or any part, so that the owner may have it again, shall be handsomely rewarded, by

SAMUEL WILLIAMS.

PENNA. CHRONICLE

6/12/1769

TO BE SOLD.
By **SAMUEL WILLIAMS, Joiner**
In Fourth-street, near Market-street, and near the
sign of the Indian Queen.

A VERY large quantity of black wal-
nut board, plank and scantlin, suitable for all kinds
of joiner's work; also mahogany boards and plank, half
inch and inch poplar boards, fit for fan-makers or joiners
use, Windsor chair plank, high and low-post bedstead stuff,
cherry-tree, gum and pine boards, and a few hundred
weight of lath nails.

As I have a very great stock of the above joiners stuff,
those who please to favour me with their custom, may serve
themselves to advantage, either from town or country.

Likewise, all sorts of joiner's work done as usual, such
as chests of drawers, tables, chairs, bedsteads, sacken bot-
toms, cradles, coffins, &c.

PENNA. CHRONICLE
6/11/1770

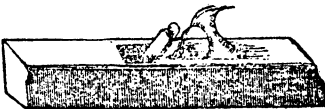
To be SOLD by
SAMUEL WILLIAMS, JOINER,

In Fourth-street, near Market-street, PHILADELPHIA,
A VERY large assortment of MAHOGONY and
WALNUT boards, plank, chair bannisters and logs,
high and low post bedstead stuff, rule joint stuff, two inch
poplar plank, half-inch poplar boards, chair panel boards, a
large parcel of red cedar inch and half-inch coffin boards, posts
and logs; also, bedstead-ferews, sacken-bottoms and bedsteads.
As I have a very large and great assortment of the above joiners
stuff, those who please to favour me with their orders from town
or country will be served to their advantage, and their favours
shall be gratefully remembered, by

Their much obliged friend, &c.
SAMUEL WILLIAMS.

PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE
2/3/1773

Philadelphia, August 21, 1775.



MADE AND SOLD BY
ROBERT PARRISH,

At his house in Third-street, a few doors above Arch-street,
and nearly opposite the Golden Swan Tavern,

ALL sorts of planes, suitable for carpenters, joiners, cabinet-
makers, coupers, &c. which are allowed to be as complete
as any made in London. Said Parrish has a complete hand from
Birmingham, who has been bred a bit-maker, and used to work
for a plane-maker in London, who makes boring bits of vari-
ous sizes, from a cooper's bung borer to the smallest sized bits,
and gimblets of several sizes; also braces, with brass or steel
collars and pads, or any other kind, complete sets of bits fitted
to each brace, or any number required, either bri or black;
augers of any size, gouges, chisels, and several kind of small
edge tools, suitable for joiners, carpenters or carvers. He con-
tinues to make Dutch Fans, as usual, and various machines for
grill-mills, such as the rolling screen improved, &c. also paper
moulds of different kinds, dufters, wire strainers for engines at
paper-works, sieves and riddles, wire-work for cellar windows,
milk-houses, &c. chains of various sorts, and any other kind
of wire-work in use, wrought by hand or with machines....
Orders from the country will be diligently attended to.

PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE
8/23/1775

GEORGE RICHEY,
UPHOLSTERER and TENT-MAKER, from Edinburgh, at the
Sign of the Crown and Tassel, in Front-street, between Mar-
ket and Arch-streets.

BEOS leave to inform the PUBLIC, that he makes all
sorts of upholstery work in the newest fashions, and at the
lowest prices, such as beds, chairs, easy chairs, French chairs,
sofas, couches and settees; likewise all sorts of window curtains,
in the newest fashion, such as settoon, Venetian, long and short
drapery, with or without cornishes; makes lines and tassels to
answer any furniture or chariots; makes and sells mattresses, fit
for sea or land service; packing bottoms, hangs paper with the
greatest care and dispatch, and warrants it to stand for several
years, without coming off; makes all sorts of tent equipage,
tents and marquees, horseman tents, square tents, with fun or
square flies, camp colours, haversacks, kettle-bags, valises for
bedding, and mock feathers for soldiers hats. Those gentlemen
and ladies that please to favour him with their employ, may
depend on their work being well done, by their humble servant,
GEORGE RICHEY.

N. B. All the above work shall be done at a very low rate, as
he is determined to work low, on purpose to get business.

PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE
10/17/1771

To be SOLD by
PLUNKET FLEESON, Upholsterer,

At the corner of Fourth-street, in Chestnut-street,
AMERICAN PAPER HANGINGS,
MANUFACTURED in Philadelphia, of all kinds
and colours, not inferior to those generally imported,
and as low in price. Also PAPER MACHE, or raised
paper mouldings for hangings, in imitation of carving, either col-
oured or gilt. And as there is a considerable duty imposed on
paper hangings imported here, it cannot be doubted, but that
every one among us, who wishes prosperity to America, will
give a preference to our own manufacture, especially on the a-
bove proposition, of equally good and cheap.

Said FLEESON continues his business as usual, and has
a small assortment of goods to accommodate those who are pleas-
ed to employ him, such as, cotton chintz, and sopper-plate bed
furniture, harateens and chintzeys, with suitable trimmings,
hair seating, norant, bed-ticks, furniture checks, and neat
brass branches; also sea-beds, bedsteads and bottoms ready made,
mattresses of all kinds, feather beds, chairs, and other Joiner's
work. Paper hangings put up on the most reasonable terms,
and the utmost care taken to render that work effectual.

PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE
10/19/1769

PLUNKET FLEESON, UPHOLSTERER,

At the Corner of Fourth and Chestnut-streets,
CONTINUES to carry on the Upholsterer's Business, in
the most fashionable and useful manner, and as he flatters
himself that he has been as successful as any other of that bu-
siness here, in giving satisfaction to his many kind employers for
a number of years, hopes for the continuance of their employ-
ment, and will not be wanting in his utmost endeavours to oblige
them, and all others who may favour him with their custom, by
executing their commands with due care and application, and on
the most reasonable terms. He likewise continues to make and
prepare, for sea or land, DRUMS, and COLOURS, and
other Military Instruments, of the most approved kinds, and
will endeavour to execute any distant orders with the utmost
dispatch.

N. B. The Upholsterer's Business is at present carried on by
PLUNKET FLEESON and SON.

PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE
2/22/1775

Brook & Moulder,

BE G leave to inform their Friends and the Public in
general, that they carry on the Cabinet and Chair-
making business, the fourth door from the corner of
Race in Water-street. Those Ladies and Gentlemen
who may please to favor them with their custom, may de-
pend upon every attention paid to have their work good
and at a reasonable price.

FEDERAL GAZETTE
11/3/1790